

TOPHER'S WEEKLY LESSON

In the Bible, in the Book of John, there was a disciple named Peter who had done something bad. Peter didn't want to get into trouble for being friends with Jesus, so when Jesus was put on the cross, Peter pretended like he didn't know Jesus. One day, after Jesus had died and come back to life, Peter said to the other disciples, "I'm going out to fish." The other disciples said, "We'll go with you." So they sailed out on a boat and fished all night long, but they didn't even catch one fish.

Early the next morning, Jesus stood on the shore of the water. Jesus called out to Peter and the other disciples, "My friends, didn't you catch any fish?" "No we haven't," they shouted to Jesus. Jesus said, "Throw your fishing net into the water on the right side of the boat. Then you'll catch some fish."

So that's what they did. Peter and the other disciples threw their fishing net into the water on the right side of the boat. Slowly, Peter and the other disciples began pulling the fishing net back into the boat, but they couldn't do it because the net was so heavy with fish. Not just one fish, or two fish—there were 153 BIG fish! The disciples knew only one person could do something so amazing. "It's Jesus!" one of the disciples shouted. Peter was so happy that he jumped into the water! Then he swam to the shore to see Jesus.

When Peter and the other disciples got to the shore, they saw a campfire with hot coals. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast with me. We can cook the fish you caught." When they were all finished eating, Jesus asked Peter, "Do you love me?" Peter said, "Yes, Lord! You know that I love you." "Then feed my sheep," Jesus said. "And follow me."

THE BIG IDEA: JESUS WANTS TO BE MY FOREVER FRIEND
BIBLE BASIS: JOHN 21:1–19

ACTIVITY: JUNE 28, 2020

MY FRIEND JESUS (Response to God Activity)

Supplies: GO! Home Guide (printed on back of coloring sheet, 1 per child), crayons

Question: What was your favorite part of today's story?

Directions: Give each child a GO! Home Guide and some crayons or markers. The sheet will have a space for children to draw. Tell the children to draw a picture of Jesus. While they're drawing, ask them what they love about Jesus the most.

Say: Jesus wants to be friends with us. If you love and follow Jesus, you can live with Him forever in Heaven. Let's say a prayer and tell our friend, Jesus, all of the things we love about Him most.

Prayer: Begin by asking if any of the children would like to pray. Allow any children who want to pray the opportunity to do so. When they're finished, close the prayer by telling Jesus about the things the children shared as well as the things you love most about Jesus.

**WHAT'S THE
BIG IDEA?**

